

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG SAN DIEGO COUNTY RESIDENTS BY HHSA REGION, 2004

Number and Percent of Deaths

COUNTY- WIDE RANK IN 2004 ^a	CAUSE OF DEATH ^b	REGION											
		N. Coastal		N. Central		Central		South		East		N. Inland	
		number of deaths	%	number of deaths	%	number of deaths	%	number of deaths	%	number of deaths	%	number of deaths	%
1	Diseases of heart	868	27.1	930	26.8	784	27.0	711	28.1	953	26.8	916	24.5
2	Cancer (any)	760	23.7	866	25.0	622	21.4	614	24.3	803	22.6	926	24.8
3	Cerebrovascular diseases	254	7.9	255	7.4	197	6.8	178	7.0	243	6.8	276	7.4
4	Alzheimer's Disease	217	6.8	206	5.9	119	4.1	90	3.6	202	5.7	269	7.2
5	COPD/Chronic lower respiratory diseases	175	5.5	182	5.2	152	5.2	120	4.7	218	6.1	206	5.5
6	Unintentional injuries	142	4.4	147	4.2	130	4.5	91	3.6	134	3.8	146	3.9
7	Diabetes mellitus	67	2.1	79	2.3	101	3.5	94	3.7	104	2.9	84	2.2
8	Influenza & pneumonia	74	2.3	82	2.4	50	1.7	70	2.8	98	2.8	99	2.7
9	Suicide	46	1.4	54	1.6	56	1.9	30	1.2	59	1.7	60	1.6
10	Essential (primary) hypertension & hypertensive renal disease	52	1.6	42	1.2	32	1.1	34	1.3	46	1.3	55	1.5
11	Parkinson's disease	53	1.7	52	1.5	25	0.9	22	0.9	44	1.2	62	1.7
12	Chronic liver disease & cirrhosis	25	0.8	40	1.2	44	1.5	41	1.6	39	1.1	54	1.4
13	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome & nephrosis	19	0.6	25	0.7	38	1.3	31	1.2	39	1.1	30	0.8
14	Homicide	14	0.4	9	0.3	53	1.8	18	0.7	25	0.7	10	0.3
15	HIV disease	6	0.2	20	0.6	64	2.2	10	0.4	18	0.5	8	0.2
	All Other Causes	430	13.4	479	13.8	437	15.0	373	14.8	529	14.9	534	14.3
	TOTAL DEATHS:	3,202	100.0	3,468	100.0	2,904	100.0	2,527	100.0	3,554	100.0	3,735	100.0

^a Rank is based on total number of deaths in each of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) "rankable" categories.

The top 15 leading causes of death presented here are based on the county-wide rank among San Diego residents in 2004.

^b Underlying cause of death.

Source: California Department of Health Services, Death Statistical Master Files; SANDAG January 1 population estimates

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Age-adjusted Rates

COUNTY- WIDE RANK in 2004 ^a	CAUSE OF DEATH ^b	AGE-ADJUSTED RATES ^c						
		REGION						SAN DIEGO COUNTY
		N. Coastal	N. Central	Central	South	East	N. Inland	
1	Diseases of heart	170.9	163.1	233.6	201.5	214.2	156.0	187.2
2	Cancer (any)	156.6	153.0	181.0	165.9	181.9	170.6	168.9
3	Cerebrovascular diseases	49.8	44.6	58.7	50.8	55.0	46.4	50.8
4	Alzheimer's Disease	41.7	36.0	36.5	26.3	45.1	42.8	39.0
5	COPD/Chronic lower respiratory diseases	35.0	32.3	46.2	34.3	50.5	36.8	39.0
6	Unintentional injuries	27.4	24.6	29.6	22.7	29.1	27.0	28.8
7	Diabetes mellitus	13.8	13.7	29.8	26.0	23.9	15.5	19.4
8	Influenza & pneumonia	14.5	14.4	15.0	20.0	21.8	16.3	16.9
9	Suicide	9.0	8.6	12.4	7.1	13.1	11.3	10.5
10	Essential (primary) hypertension & hypertensive renal disease	10.2	7.4	9.5	9.8	10.3	9.2	9.3
11	Parkinson's disease	10.4	9.1	7.8	6.2	9.9	10.8	9.3
12	Chronic liver disease & cirrhosis	5.2	6.9	11.7	10.7	8.5	10.2	8.8
13	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome & nephrosis	3.9	4.3	11.2	8.4	8.7	5.4	6.6
14	Homicide	2.6	1.5	10.1	3.8	5.3	1.9	4.3
15	HIV disease	1.2	3.3	14.6	2.5	4.0	1.5	4.5
	All Other Causes							
	TOTAL DEATHS:	636.6	607.2	825.9	693.5	799.0	655.6	703.2

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